



Attorney Docket No. 24826

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

DIETRICH, et al.

Serial No.: 09/980,492

Art Unit: 1615

Filed: December 4, 2001

Examiner: SHEIKH, H.

For: **NOVEL PREPARATION AND ADMINISTRATION FORM COMPRISING AN
ACID-LABILE ACTIVE COMPOUND**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated January 19, 2005. The one-month shortened statutory period for response expires on February 19, 2005. Accordingly, this Response should be considered timely filed within the time period set by the Examiner.

In view of the following remarks and amendments, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding restriction/election requirement and allow all claims pending in this application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-2, 7-8, 10-13, 16, 18-19, 21-26 and 33-36 as outlined in Appendix A, entitled "Claim Amendments", attached herewith.